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IDHS ANNOUNCES COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR SBA LOAN PROGRAM

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) received notice the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved Governor Daniels' request for disaster financial assistance for damages sustained during the severe weather and tornadoes that affected portions of south central Indiana on June 7 and 8. The approval means homeowners and businesses in affected counties are eligible now for the SBA's Disaster Loan program.

Homeowners and businesses who sustained damage in the following counties are eligible for the U.S. SBA Disaster Loan program:

- Bartholomew
- Brown
- Jackson
- Jennings
- Lawrence
- Monroe
- Scott
- Washington

"Once again, the SBA has promptly responded to Indiana's request for assistance as we continue to experience volatile weather in Indiana," said J. Eric Dietz, IDHS Executive Director. "I urge Hoosier homeowners and businesses affected by this particular event to look into the assistance available through this SBA program."

The U. S. SBA's Disaster Loan program includes two types of loans, the physical disaster loan and the economic injury disaster loan. The physical disaster loan application deadline is August 21, 2006 and the economic injury disaster loan application deadline is March 20, 2007.

Homeowners or businesses who wish to apply for a loan or have questions concerning the U.S. SBA Disaster Loans can contact the SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955, go to www.sba.gov/disaster, or visit the temporary U.S. SBA office located in the Seymour City Hall at 301-309 North Chestnut Street in Seymour. The hours of operation of the temporary U.S. SBA office are 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

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